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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004 in the above-identified patent application was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire June 16, 2004. Thus, a Three Month Extension of Time, and the requisite fee, is included herewith and forms part hereof. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

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